
Care and Cleaning Instructions: **Kool Deck, Kool Deck Elite, Designer Colors, and Solement**

AFTER INSTALLATION

Kool Deck® and Solement™ concrete overlays need sufficient time to cure. The normal curing process of concrete with Kool Deck or Solement takes 28 days. The owner should limit contact with the deck for 48 hours, and should restrict even light use of the deck for one week. Walking traffic can begin after two weeks. Placing of patio furniture and hard soled shoes should be avoided during the entire 4 week curing process. (This provides adequate time for the deck overlay to harden.)

MAINTENANCE

Kool Deck and Solement surfaces can provide years of beauty and durability, but does require cleaning on a regular basis. Surfaces should be cleaned by using strong soap and water and a nylon bristle broom to scrub the surface and then rinsed clean with a garden hose. Do not allow dirt, leaves, etc. to remain on the surface for long periods of time. If you have a salt water chlorinator, it is essential that you rinse and clean your deck frequently. Regular cleaning of your surface is an important part of the success of your concrete. Mortex's Protect-A-Deck may be an excellent addition to provide further protection and waterproofing to your overlay.

SPILLS

Any spills should be rinsed off and washed immediately. Spills that could result in a stain should be scrubbed immediately using strong soap and water and a nylon scrub brush and then rinsed with water. Build-ups of oil type stains such as suntan lotion, body oils, etc. can be easily cleaned with this procedure.

Note: Use care when handling any concentrated pool chemical such as muriatic acid, chlorine, etc. If you should accidentally spill any such chemical on your deck, rinse the area thoroughly and immediately. Chemical fertilizers used on lawns and gardens can leave stains when such fertilizers are water activated. After fertilizing, wash your deck to remove any chemical that may have been scattered on the deck.

MINERAL DEPOSITS

Experienced Contractors Only: Gray mineral deposits can collect on the deck over a period of time in heavily used areas such as at steps or high traffic areas. These deposits are caused by water evaporating from the deck, leaving behind minerals. Use of a surface cleaner attachment on a 3000psi or greater pressure washer is recommended for lighter accumulations. Annual buffing of the deck can remove mineral build up. Buffing can be done with a rented commercial floor-buffing machine (the single rotary wheel type). Place a 3M 19" Scotch Brite brown stripper floor pad (or equivalent) under the wheel. Continuously wet the deck while buffing.

Note: Buffing should not be attempted by anyone who is not handy with machinery or is not physically strong. Contact a contractor if you feel you need assistance.

Attention: The deck owner should not attempt Muriatic acid washes. Contact a service professional for such cleaning jobs. Acid baths are not necessary or recommended as part of a general maintenance cleaning procedure for Kool Deck or Solement surfaces. General cleaning and maintenance are best accomplished by using the methods suggested in the above information.